

REDMOND DEFIES PARTY'S POSITION

Leader Says Appointment of Committee on Home Rule Bill is Unwise.

REASONS ARE SET FORTH

Long Delay is One and Practical Abandonment of Strong Stand on Childers Report is Another. Great Sensation Caused.

DUBLIN, June 14.—(Special.)—John Redmond, M. P., in a letter to the newspapers, defines the position of the Irish Party on the question of the committee appointed by the Cabinet to assist them in procuring information on the finances of the Home Rule Bill. The letter is written in a tone of correspondence which has appeared on the subject.

Mr. Redmond says when the preparation of the Home Rule measure became a matter of urgency he was brought face to face with the alternative courses which might be adopted in that vital-important business. On the one hand, they might have demanded the appointment of a Commission framed on the same principles as the Childers Commission, which would have involved, as a matter of course, fair representation for Ireland on such a body, such as was given on the Childers Commission. But it would also have involved two or three serious consequences.

First of all, long delay would have been inevitable. In the meantime, the position of character was set up, charged with the duty of inquiring into the whole question of the financial relations between Great Britain and Ireland. It would have been impossible for either the Irish Party or the Government themselves to limit the period of their labors, and we know Mr. Redmond, that the Childers Commission took over two years to complete their work.

Abandonment is Seen. "Secondly," he goes on to say, "the appointment of such a commission would, in my judgment, have undoubtedly involved the abandonment by Ireland of the enormously strong position which we occupy on the report of the Childers Commission."

The other course was to leave the Government on their own responsibility, to seek for information in whatever way seemed best to them, as is the invariable custom of the Cabinet when preparing very large measures, the Irish Party accepting no responsibility whatever for the method adopted by the Government. That is the course that has been taken, and we, therefore, now stand on the report of the Childers Commission, and will be in no way bound or fettered by the proceedings of the committee appointed by the Cabinet.

The limited scope of the inquiry by this committee seems to be misanderstood and magnified. It is not charged with the duty of reopening or reviewing in any way the decisions come to by the Childers Commission; and, while we are not responsible for its personnel, I am satisfied that the members of it are entirely sympathetic to the just financial claims of Ireland.

"In some of the communications to which my attention has been drawn, suggestions have been made that an Advisory Committee should be appointed in Ireland to deal with this question of the Home Rule Bill. I do not desire to appear in any way to interfere with the utmost freedom of discussion on that all-important question, and the Irish Party will, of course, gratefully receive and carefully consider any information or advice from any quarter bearing upon it."

Situation is Delicate. "But I feel bound to state my own belief that the situation is one of extreme delicacy, and that it would not be wise for the party to make themselves responsible for or to advise the formation of any committee, or to take any other step which would in any degree interfere with or fetter their absolute liberty of action in the critical and trying times that are before us."

Finance is, undoubtedly, of vital importance, but it is inextricably bound up with questions of politics and tactics, and, in my judgment, the Irish Party would do wisely to maintain its absolute freedom and independence to act, from time to time, in this, as in all other matters, as they judge best for the interests of Ireland.

"I feel certain that the country fully recognizes the extreme delicacy of the present situation, and the grave responsibility which rests upon those who have to represent her interests in the momentous questions now under discussion, whose mouths may naturally be closed upon many vital questions arising from time to time, and I confidently appeal to the people not to allow the hands of those on whom this heavy responsibility is cast to be fettered either by invidious enemies or by over-zealous friends."

Sensation is Caused. This letter has created a sensation in Ireland. Everybody is asking why the letter was written—why Mr. Redmond now finds it necessary to break a persistent silence of weeks. The general inference is that something has gone wrong with the Nationalist plans and that Mr. Redmond wants to break the news gently to the country. He talks of the "critical and trying times" before his party, and dissociates himself emphatically in advance from the findings of the Government Committee. It is believed that Mr. Redmond is preparing the country for the rejection of Home Rule.

T. M. Keefe, speaking at Boyle, said that if the proposed Home Rule Bill should prove unworkable, "there was plenty of room for it in the cemetery where they had buried the Irish Councils Bill." These hints suggest to Nationalists that the "light fit" of which Mr. Birrell spoke at Bristol, has been found impossible, and that serious difficulties have arisen over the finance of Home Rule. The country awaits further information with some anxiety.

A curious feature of the situation is the continued silence of the Freeman's Journal. It has not a word to say on Mr. Redmond's letter. The official organ is, of course, controlled by Thomas Sexton, who, to the surprise of Unionists, as well as Nationalists, was overlooked in the constitution of the Government Committee.

Fire Protection Poor. VANCOUVER, Wash., July 14.—(Special.)—Seventy-five of the 106 fire hydrants contracted for by the city have already been installed and the remainder will be put in soon. At present the city is compelled to rely for fire protection on a series of cisterns under the main streets, with two fire engines to pump the water.

ATTORNEY-GENERAL AND DELEGATE WHO ACCUSES HIM OF SHIELDING AGENTS OF ALASKA SYNDICATE.



ATTORNEY-GENERAL WICKERSHAM.

FRAUD IS CHARGED

Attorney-General Accused by Alaskan Delegate.

HOUSE MAY INVESTIGATE

Evidence of Crime by Agents of Syndicate Said to Have Been Suppressed Until Too Late for Prosecution.

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of the Northwestern Commercial Company, one of the Alaska syndicate concerns, and the Seamon Coal Company.

Undue Delay is Charged. "In May 24, 1910," he said, "I sent to Attorney-General Wickersham a copy of the affidavits calling his attention to the fact that the Government had been defrauded of \$20,000 by perjury and a combination of these two corporations in the sale of coal to the Government for military posts in Alaska."

"I asked him to make an investigation and prosecute those persons for the crime committed in that transaction. I received a letter of acknowledgment May 21, 1910, and we had considerable further correspondence and on June 12, 1911, more than a year later, I received a letter from the Attorney-General, saying that the statute of limitations had expired."

The correspondence, including the affidavits, was read into the records. "I read the last letter," said Delegate Wickersham, "to show that the Attorney-General now says to warrant the statute of limitations had run against the prosecution of those men who committed perjury and defrauded the Government."

Delegate Urges Inquiry. "They submitted false affidavits to the Government and committed fraud in April and May, 1908, and the statute of limitations did not expire until May, 1911. I sent all the evidence to the Attorney-General a year before and he failed and refused to prosecute these people for robbing the Treasury, and he permitted the statute of limitations to run in their favor."

"I want the committee to have all the facts so that it may know whether the Attorney-General has deliberately shielded these people from prosecution and his acquiescence with many of the Government's witnesses and control over them placed him in a position to be of the greatest possible service in defending this action."

Syndicate Called Crime. "What do you mean by the Alaskan syndicate?" Chairman Clayton inquired. "My dear Captain—The enclosed account of Mr. M. B. Morrissey, as he is known to me by him, I do not claim to have perused and referred to, but the facts therein mentioned—necessarily I could not have such—but I do know that Mr. Morrissey was taking care of several of the Government's witnesses (case of United States vs. Hasey). I saw him take them into restaurants very many times (it was generally rumored around Juneau that the majority of the Government's witnesses were taken there) and I have not the least doubt that Mr. Morrissey cared for them in the manner shown in his account."

In addition to this, I wish to express my appreciation of the services rendered to Mr. Morrissey by Mr. J. M. Valdez, who was at Valdez during the season of the grand jury trial. I found him very efficient and competent and his acquaintance with many of the Government's witnesses and control over them placed him in a position to be of the greatest possible service in defending this action."

"Expense" Account Submitted. The expense account submitted by Morrissey, dated May 6, 1908, contained among others, the following entries: "Occidental cafe, for witnesses, \$75. "Alaska grill, for witnesses, \$115. "Expense entertaining witnesses and jurymen, \$290. "Expense Valdez during grand jury season, \$120."

There were many other items of cash given to individuals such as "Jimmy Kelley, J. E. O'Reilly, and others, all amounting to \$1122.49. These documents and other evidence, Delegate Wickersham says, are in possession of the Attorney-General.

The resolution asking the Attorney-General for documents in the Jarvis-Bullcock case, will be reported to the House early next week.

I refer to the Alaskan Syndicate, composed of J. P. Morgan, the Guggenheim brothers, Kuhn, Loeb & Co., Jacob H. Schiff and Graves.

"Who do you mean by the Guggenheim brothers?" asked Representative Norris, of Nebraska.

"Senator Guggenheim and his six brothers."

"Who is Graves?" asked Representative Graham of Illinois.

"He represents the English syndicate, and other English capitalists."

"Captain Jarvis," added the delegate, "was the confidential agent of Morgan in charge of the syndicate interests in Seattle. He committed suicide following the introduction of this resolution you are considering. He knew that this resolution would bring out the facts."



Delegate Wickersham, of Alaska.

Collusion in Bids Alleged. The Douglas affidavit charges that when the War Department advertised for bids for coal to supply the Alaska military posts, Jarvis, treasurer of the Northwestern Commercial Company, and John A. Bullcock, of the Seamon Coal Company, a rival of the syndicate, agreed to submit bids which would insure the award of the contract to one company or the other, there being no competitor, and agreed to certain light-charge charges and fixed upon a division of the profits.

The Seamon Company got the contract to furnish 4000 tons of coal at \$23 a ton, a price which Douglas contended was nearly twice too high, and the profits were divided. Douglas himself entering the bid for the coal, and the company on the books of the Northwestern Commercial Company as the latter company's share of the profits. Both Bullcock and Jarvis, Douglas swears, made false affidavits to the Government that no one but the company which each represented had any interest in the contract.

Witnesses "Taken Care Of." The evidence submitted, indicating an attempt to control Government witnesses, is a facsimile copy of a letter written by John A. Carson, counsel for the Alaska syndicate, to Captain Jarvis, under Seattle date, May 8, 1908. The letter reads:

BOY SHOTS MINISTER Charge Aimed at Blackbird Kills Rev. Orville Davis.

NORTH YAKIMA, Wash., July 14.—Rev. Orville Davis, formerly a minister in Tacoma, was killed on his apple orchard near Grandview Wednesday by Eugene Dyer, a 16-year-old boy of Seattle, according to the finding of the coroner's jury last night. The boy was shooting blackbirds in Mr. Davis' orchard when an accidental shot struck Mr. Davis, who was working in an irrigation ditch several rows away.

Many Westerners in New York. NEW YORK, July 14.—(Special.)—Pacific Northwest people registered at New York hotels today as follows: From Portland: At Hotel Astor, C. F. Wiegand, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Wallace, W. H. Smith, G. F. Robertson, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Newcastle, R. Krohn, J. A. Krohn, W. Davis, W. J. Holman, J. L. Bettis, G. B. Tillingshast, B. E. L. Simmons, Mr. and Mrs. R. Quackenbush, R. Frong, Mrs. E. Frong, Mr. and Mrs. H. Monroe, K. Lackey, R. P. Knight, Mrs. W. J. Holman, S. G. Carpenter, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Bailey, W. L. Jones, F. C. Collins, at the Flinders, W. A. Carty, at the Cadillac, S. Schiller, at the Hermitage, W. F. Gwin; at the Astor House, Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Baker.

From Spokane—At the Langacre, O. V. and H. M. Patten; at the New Amsterdam, R. F. Barry; at the Hoffman House, M. West, S. Offner. From Tacoma—At the Herald Square, E. L. York, Miss F. York.

From Seattle—At the Wellington, G. W. Kirzack; at the Navarre, E. L. Mitchell.

GOVERNMENT LOSS HELD \$10,000,000

Bristow Says Cuban Reciprocity Fattened Coifers of Sugar Trust.

TILTS ENLIVEN HEARING

Representative Malby and President of Federal Refining Company in Arguments—Price Agreements Are Denied.

WASHINGTON, July 14.—Senator Bristow declared today, before the House committee investigating the sugar trust, that Cuban reciprocity had taken \$10,000,000 out of the Government's revenue from the sugar tariff and put it into the treasury of the sugar trust.

"That 20 per cent reduction in the sugar duty," said he, "has enabled the sugar trust to buy their sugar in Cuba at 20 per cent less. The Cuban has received no more for his sugar and the American consumers have received no benefit."

Tilts between Frank C. Lowry, of the Federal Sugar Refining Company, and Representative Malby, continued today over the effect of the tariff on the price of sugar, enlivened today the proceedings.

Lowry told the committee yesterday that a reduction in the duty on sugar would mean cheaper sugar to the consumer, and Malby, quoting prices and tariff rates for various years, undertook today to show that the duty was regulated only by the law of supply and demand.

Asked by Malby if the fact that prices of sugar quoted by various companies on certain dates did not suggest that there was an agreement between the companies, the witness said that so far as the Federal Sugar Refining Company was concerned, there was no such agreement.

He admitted the advance in the price of sugar in the United States during the past 30 years was due to an increase in the sugar's price, on account of crop news.

Mr. Malby asked Mr. Lowry whether his company would object to the elimination of the duty on refined sugar.

"Not if we could get the raw material free of duty," replied the witness.

MARSHFIELD PLANS FAIR

Big Berry Festival Will Be Held Every July.

MARSHFIELD, Or., July 14.—(Special.)—A berry fair will be held in Marshfield annually, and the first festival will take place next July. The plan was first suggested by F. E. Tichenor, a rival of the syndicate, who crowded in the city at the Fourth of July celebration that he thought the county should have some of the best strawberries to attract outside folk and for which preparations could be made a long time in advance.

A berry fair was the event decided on by several business men and the Chamber of Commerce as being the most appropriate, since Coos County is considered one of the best berry regions in the world. Strawberries, loganberries and all kinds of small fruits are produced here in great quantities and a quality which is unsurpassed. The fact that canning the berries is increasing the production of the berry crop.

THIRSTY FOLK MOURN BEER

Engine Bumps Cars Into Creek, and Grant County Faces Drought.

BAKER, Or., July 14.—(Special.)—A great thirst is imminent in Grant County, caused by the ditching of two carloads of beer in transit from Baker over the Sumpter Valley Railroad to points beyond Dixie Summit. Having a heavy train to pull over the hill, the engineer left the two carloads on the side, after taking up the rest of the train, returned for them.

The locomotive bumped the cars so hard that the liquid refrigerant which started down the hill when the brake was loosened, and after a short dash over the high bank they plunged into the creek below. The cars are lying high now, where the Waburnburgs and the thirsty souls of Grant County towns are facing a prolonged dry spell.

Sunday School "Echo" Planned.

To bring before the people here the important features brought out at the recent Sunday school convention at San Francisco, an echo meeting has been arranged for tonight at the Grace Methodist Episcopal Church, at which a number of addresses will be heard. The strongest points of the San Francisco convention will be brought out for the benefit of local church people of all denominations. The meeting will be held at 7:30 p. m. The speakers will be Rev. George E. Paddock, Rev. A. Albert Emrich, Mrs. J. W. Wilkins, Rev. J. D. Springston, Mrs. H. N. Smith, Dr. W. S. Holt, Rev. Charles A. Phipps, J. V. Guthrie, Rev. J. V. Milligan, Rev. Albert Ehrgott and Rev. James D. Corby.

BLOOD SPOTS SOLVE CASE

(Continued From First Page.) his shoes repaired at Rainier Sunday and wore them the day of the crime. At the scene of both crimes the footprints were left on linoleum by wet shoes and were only discernible after close scrutiny. At the Coble home, Dr. Carey outlined the marks in chalk and by comparing them with similar measures taken at the Hill home is confident that they are the imprints of the same man.

Mr. and Mrs. Coble were killed in exactly the same way that the assassin dealt death to Mr. and Mrs. Hill in Portland. Coble was felled with the butt end of an ax. So was Mr. Hill. Mrs. Coble's head was cleaved with the sharp end of an ax and in like manner Mrs. Hill was killed. Bodies of both women were mistreated by the slayer.

Further similarity in the crimes is shown by the manner of entrance and escape of the murderer in both cases. Entrance to the house was gained by the kitchen door and the murderer left that way. In the scenes of both mur-

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BOURNE'S DELAY IS COSTLY

Senator Liable to Increased License Fees for Mining Companies.

SALEM, Or., July 14.—(Special.)—Failure on the part of the Eureka District Gold Mining Company, of Jonathan Bourne, Jr., and the Bourne Gold Mining Company to comply with the corporate laws of the state, will cost that United States Senator \$30, where he might have escaped with payment of only \$20 under the new mining corporation laws.

Under the new law those mining companies which produce less than \$200 for the preceding year need pay only \$10 in corporate annual fees, providing these fees are paid before July 1. In this instance Senator Bourne's two companies mentioned failed to comply with this provision of the law, and as a consequence they will be compelled to pay the full corporate annual license fees, which amount to \$30 on the capital stock.

HARBOR SEES TORPEDO FLEET

Flotilla of Seven Boats on Way to Bremeron Navy-Yard.

HOQUIAM, Wash., July 14.—(Special.)—Five torpedo-boat destroyers, the Lawrence, Whipple, Truxton, Hopkins and Hull and two torpedo boats, the Rowan and Goldsborough, under command of Captain L. C. Richardson, arrived on Gray Harbor today. The Lawrence, Rowan and Goldsborough went to Aberdeen but returned later and tied up here for the night. Four destroyers, the Stuart, Paul Jones, Preble and Perry put in at Willapa Harbor. The Farragut, which was expected to arrive from the Lawrence, is expected to arrive tonight.

The whole flotilla will depart tomorrow morning for the Bremeron Navy-yard. This afternoon the officers of the fleet were taken for a long automobile ride and this evening were given a banquet at the Grayport Hotel.

Elks May Celebrate Again.

Tentative plans for a second celebration of the securing of the 1912 Elks' convention have been made by the local Elks' Club, to mark the return of the officers who are now at the convention in Atlantic City. While nothing has been decided definitely, it is probable that the celebration will be in the form of a banquet or reception. The officers are expected to return from Atlantic City the last of July.

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